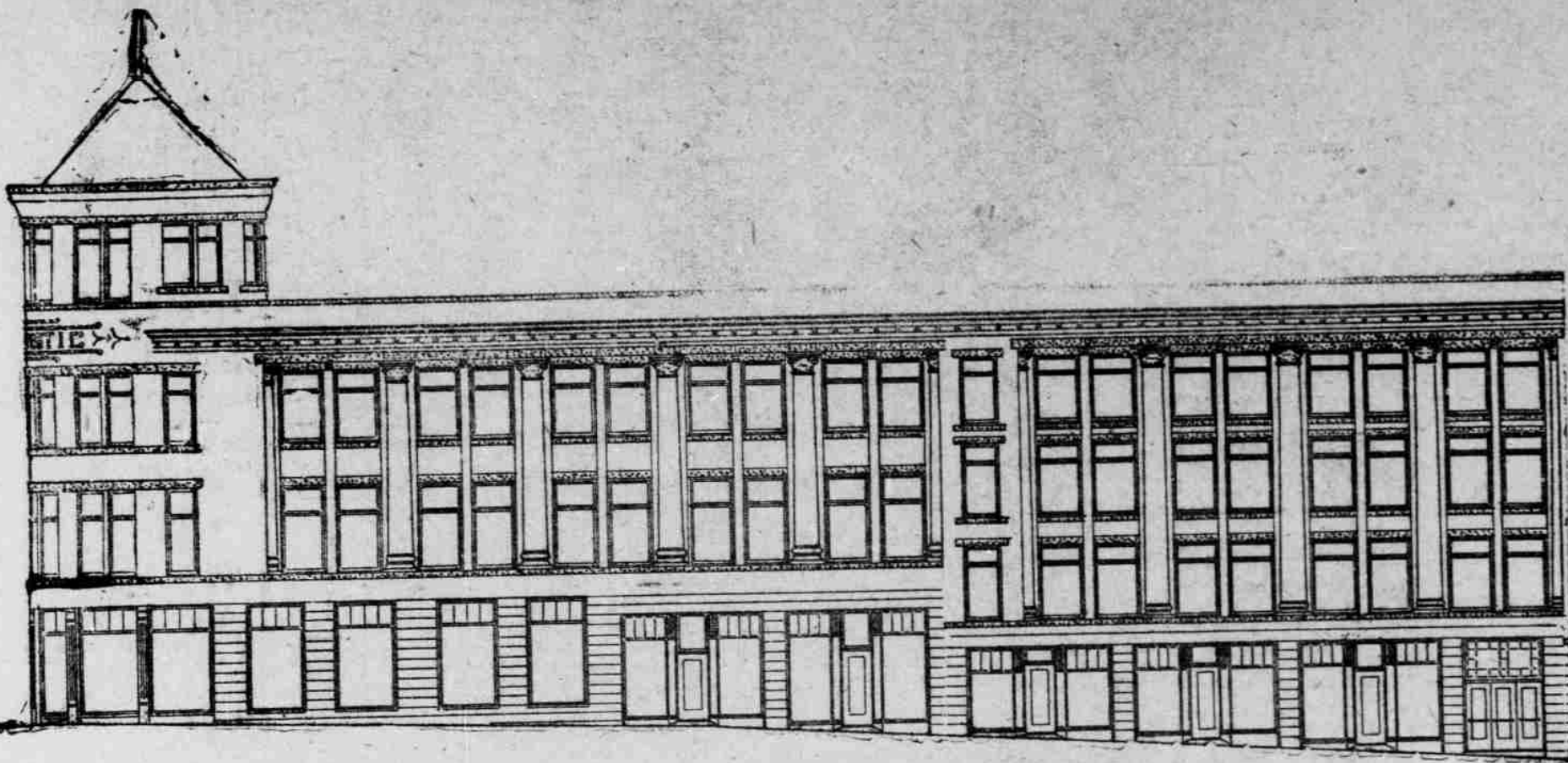


BUILDING ACTIVITY IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT



NEW SECTIONS OF MAJESTIC BUILDING NOW BEING CONSTRUCTED FOR JAMES B. SHANNON, CORNER SHETUCKET AND LITTLE WATER STREETS

BRICK BLOCK FOR CHESTNUT STREET

Four Story Structure to be Erected by Max Gordon and Son—Work on Second Section Majestic Underway—Changes at Jensen Residence—Other Construction Notes.

Contractor Archibald Torrance has been awarded the contract for the new building to be erected for Max Gordon and Son on Chestnut street. The building which is to be located at the corner of Chestnut and Willow streets is to be four stories in height of brick construction, and will be used for industrial purposes.

Contractor Torrance began on Tuesday to raze the old wooden structure now located on the site where the new building is to be erected. After the wooden building has been removed the brick building adjoining which was formerly used as a stable will be torn down. The construction of the new building will be commenced as soon as the corner is cleared.

Majestic Building
Work on No. 2 section of the Majestic being erected at the corner of Water and Market streets by James B. Shannon, is progressing. The steel for the No. 2 section arrived some time ago and has all been set up and the workmen are busy at present erecting wooden forms over the windows of the first floor preparatory to pouring cement.

The frames are well along and will be ready for the pouring in a short time. No. 1 section has been practically completed.

M. B. Prentice is laying new sidewalks around his property on Lincoln avenue.

Jensen Residence Moved.
The two and a half story house at No. 61 Broad street owned by Martin Jensen is undergoing extensive changes. The building itself has been moved back from the street for a distance of 13 feet and has also been moved in a westerly direction for a distance of 14 feet. An entirely new foundation has been built under the house. An addition 12x20, two and a half stories in height is being built on the westerly side of the house. The foundation for the addition is all laid and a section of the frame is up. The work will be pushed along to completion.

MIDDLETOWN.
The Middletown Yacht Club has authorized the board of trustees to secure tentative plans for a new club house. T. M. Russell is the commodore.

Linus Baldwin is making alterations to Arthur Coe's house on Main street and also in Charles Davis' house at East Long Hill.

The new two-family house being erected on Main street, South Farms, for Stanislaw Michalski, is now being finished. Linus Baldwin is the contractor and Brown Bros. have the plumbing.

Linus Baldwin is finishing the alterations to William Burrows' residence at the corner of Park place and Washington street. Hale & Kelsey have the plumbing and heating. Walter A. Blau the electrical work and Charles Mitchell the painting.

graded and later will be seeded and rolled. Contractor Del Carlos who moved the house has charge of the stone work and grading, while the new addition is being built by Stetson & Young.

Frame is Up.
The frame for the two story cottage that Charles I. Rathbun is erecting at the corner of Russell road and Boswell avenue, is now up and the work is being pushed along to completion.

Pushing Thayer Building.
The cement pouring for the second floor of the new Thayer block on Franklin square has been nearly completed and the wooden forms for the third are being put in readiness to receive the cement. One of the masons has been moved into the building and the cement has been carried up to the second floor by the aid of a specially prepared hoisting apparatus.

Tobin Store Changes.
The changes at the store on Franklin street owned by Richard Tobin have been completed. The old front of the store was torn out and new plate glass windows set in. Other changes have also been made in the interior of the store.

Excavation Started.
The cellar for the new bungalow to be erected in East Norwich for John R. Fowler is being excavated.

Church Work Underway.
Peck, McWilliams Co. have started on the work of remodeling the Swedish church on Hickory street and the old roof has been practically removed.

NEW LONDON.
Plans Being Drawn For a New Bakery—Other Work

The plans are being prepared for a new bakery to be erected in the rear of 80 Truman street for F. Voigt. It will be brick, 42x60 feet, one story high and basement, with slag roof and steam heat. It will be equipped with every modern convenience for an up-to-date bakery. An addition will be erected in front of the present building for a salesroom.

Bellevue Place Residence.
The foundation is being laid for an attractive residence on Bellevue place for J. Taylor Douglas. The plans provide a frame house, in the bungalow style, finished throughout in hard woods, with hard wood floors. The heating will be by hot water. The house is being erected by H. R. Douglas, Inc.

Alterations to Building.
Contractor Oliver Woodworth has work well along on the changes to the glass cracker factory on Water street, which is now owned by the Storing & Leasing Co. Mr. Woodworth is doing the carpenter and mason work and the Berlin Construction Co. furnished the steel. Contracts for the plumbing, painting and heating will be let soon.

The plans have been described in a previous issue of the Record.

Addition to Building.
Oliver Woodworth has been awarded the contract for an addition to the building on Main street owned by the Day Publishing Co. It will be 23x58 feet, one story high, of brick, with an asbestos roof, and will be used as a press room. The sub-contracts are not let.

Contract Let.
The contract for the proposed changes to the Lawrence Shea building on Bank street, the plans for which were drawn by Architect C. H. Preston of Norwich, has been given to Robert Fullerton of Mystic. It is planned to remodel the store on the first floor and make changes in the upper floors.

New Waiting Room at Beach.
Contractor W. L. Roe, Jr., has begun the construction of a new waiting room and pavilion at Ocean Beach to replace the structures recently torn down. It is expected that it will take about a month to erect the new structures. F. J. Clifford, who has conducted the pavilion at the beach for several seasons, has secured a new lease from the Shore Line Electric Co. and he anticipates having it open by the latter part of May.

SOUTH MANCHESTER.
Contracts Awarded For New Dyehouse and Weave Shed—Other Building.

The Abernethy Construction Co. of Boston has been awarded the contract for the new dyehouse and weave shed to be erected on Pine and Copper Hill streets for Cheney Bros. The houses on the site have been moved and the excavation is under way.

House on Eldridge Street.
Thomas Wright has been awarded the contract for a new house to be erected on Eldridge street for Clement Kwal. It will be of frame construction and will contain six rooms.

Contract for New House.
Walter R. Hobby has been awarded the contract for a new house to be erected on Henry street for Adam Thier. It will be of frame construction and will contain eight rooms.

New Residence.
Behnfeld & Schultz have been awarded the contract for the new residence to be erected at the corner of Main and Belmont streets for Sullivan Bros., the mason contractors. The house will contain six rooms and will have furnace heat, electric lights and modern plumbing. The owners will do the mason work.

Contract for New House.
Edward C. Elliott, Jr., 7 Orchard street, has been awarded the contract for the new house to be erected at the corner of Main and Russell streets for Arthur D. Hale, 102 Charter Oak street. The house will be arranged for two tenants and will be provided with all modern conveniences.

Cottage on Florence Street.
Thomas R. Hayes has started work on the erection of a new cottage on Florence street. It will be of frame construction and will contain six rooms, with all modern conveniences.

Sub-Contracts for House.
Fertis Bros. have the contract for the plumbing and heating, Edward F. Burke the electrical work, James Gray the plastering, Harry Christensen the tinning and Thomas Joyce the painting. The new three-family house being erected on Main street by Edward J. Hall. It is now ready to finish.

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Conditions Found Throughout The State of Connecticut.
Real estate transactions for the past week show a marked falling off in the number of sales by warranty deed in the towns reported in The Commercial Record, the total of 279, comparing with 327 last year, with mortgage loans of \$844,795, against \$935,935 for the like week of 1913.

The record of new incorporations in this State for the week exceeds that of any corresponding week for many years. The nine new companies have average authorized capitalization of \$252,333, as compared with an average of \$50,386 in 1913 and \$33,444 in 1912.

Bankruptcy petitions make a healthy showing for the week than for the like week of last year. The three bankrupts have assets of \$3,348 and liabilities of \$12,751, against seven petitions a year ago, having assets of \$15,012 and liabilities of \$22,731.

A smaller volume of building is shown by the record of permits granted in the cities of New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury, Stamford and Springfield. The total number of permits for the week in these cities was 124, compared with 177 in 1913 and 208 in 1912. The cost of buildings was \$471,855, of which half was in the city of Stamford, against \$660,100 in 1913 and \$1,075,036 in 1912.

Among the projects of importance for which contracts have been awarded during the week in this State are as follows: Factories in New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford and Seymour; school in New Britain; orphanage in Cromwell; store and tenement buildings in New Haven and Bridgeport; stable in Hartford; storehouse in New Haven; store buildings in New Haven and Bridgeport; residences in Hartford, Bridgeport and Stamford; and one two, three, five and nine-family houses in New Haven, Bridgeport, Hartford, Waterbury, South Manchester, East Hartford, Stamford and Ansonia.

Some of the new plans announced include, passenger station in Hartford, schools in Stamford and Bridgeport, hotel, church in New Haven, Y. M. C. A. building in Seymour, bank in New Haven, factory in Bridgeport, theatre in Hartford, store and tenement buildings in Hartford and Bridgeport; residence in Naugatuck; and four, five and six-family houses in New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford.

Norwich had seven real estate sales last week to five a year ago with loans for the respective weeks of \$9,590 and \$10,100.

In New London there were five sales last week to four a year ago and the loans there were \$11,500 and \$8,500 for the respective weeks.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.
The statistics of Building Operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company, follow: Contracts to April 22, 1914, \$46,453,000; Contracts to April 22, 1913, 45,435,000; Contracts to April 22, 1912, 54,620,000; Contracts to April 22, 1911, 44,444,000; Contracts to April 22, 1910, 48,297,000; Contracts to April 22, 1909, 45,122,000; Contracts to April 22, 1908, 50,591,000; Contracts to April 22, 1907, 38,127,000; Contracts to April 22, 1906, 30,953,000; Contracts to April 22, 1905, 26,895,000; Contracts to April 22, 1904, 23,968,000; Contracts to April 22, 1903, 24,573,000; Contracts to April 22, 1902, 28,247,000; Contracts to April 22, 1901, 34,411,000.

Workmen in China's egg canneries receive 10 cents a day.

NOANK.

The foundation for the house of Howard Pitch which has been constructed in Brook street is completed and ready for structure. This will be at once commenced and finished for occupancy this summer. The contract has been taken by Contractor George H. McDonald.

The bungalow of George Carpenter, Jr., is to be plastered this week. The building is remarkably pretty and calls forth a great deal of admiration from those passing by.

The German Laws of Kissing.
When the German Criminal Code was compiled, the law-makers, by some oversight, omitted to lay down the boundary line between permissible and non-permissible kisses. This deficiency has now been made good by the Imperial Court at Leipzig. The

rule of that august tribunal is as follows: "A kiss is an operation which always requires the permission of the person kissed. Kisses may only be given without special permission when the tacit consent of the other is certain—that is to say, in the cases of close relatives, parents, children and lovers. If, however, the other not merely affects coyness, but offers serious resistance, it is to be assumed that the kiss is regarded as an illegal interference with personal rights and an impairment of honor."

Whoever, under such circumstances imposes a kiss on another renders himself, therefore, guilty of an insult by act. For the fulfillment of these conditions it suffices that the kiss is given against the will of the other. It is not necessary that he himself feels the kiss to be insulting."

Betty's Broken Leg.
Sitting in the out-patients' department of Bellingbrooke Hospital in London the other day was a little lad of about eight years of age, carrying very tenderly a large basket. Frequently he cast anxious glances in the direction of the house surgeon, who—eventually asked, "Well, and what's the matter with you, sonny?" To his surprise, the little fellow replied, tearfully, "It isn't me; it's Betty!" "Betty, and who is Betty?" asked the doctor. The boy slowly and affectionately drew forth from his treasured basket a fluttering hen, which, although somewhat frightened at its surroundings, appeared quite tame.

The boy then told how his feathered pet had broken its leg. This the surgeon carefully examined, and it was decided to place "Betty" under treatment. The boy's leg was quickly bandaged and placed in splints. The bird was then tenderly replaced in the basket, and the boy, his face wreathed in smiles, bore it away to his home in Battersea. The bird was entered in the hospital books as "Miss Betty."

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